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A very Cheap Line
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THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$10,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COUNT OF DIRECTORS:
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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED ON Current Account at the rate of a per Cent, per Annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1897.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST ON deposits is allowed at 3 per Cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per Cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP \$100,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-HOLDERS \$100,000
RESERVE FUND \$150,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of a per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.

" " 6 " 3½ "

" " 3 " 3½ "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,

Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1896.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital \$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital \$1,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
H. Stollcroft, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. General Manager.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1893.

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPAO DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the Half-Year ended 31st December, 1896, on or before the 15th March, on which date the ACCOUNTS will be CLOSED.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1897.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1896.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above Office are requested to furnish the Undesignated with a LIST of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December, 1896, in order that the Distribution of BONUS may be arranged.

Returns not rendered prior to the 1st day of March instant will be adjusted by the Office, and no CLAIMS or ALLEGATIONS will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHEISON & CO., General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897.

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Today's
Advertisement.

THEATRE ROYAL

CITY HALL.

By special request.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR
DRAMATIC CLUB
WILL GIVE AN EXTRA PERFORMANCE

OF

"LES CLOCHE DE CORNEVILLE"

TO-NIGHT

(SATURDAY), the 6th March, 1897.
This will be positively the last Performance of
the Opera.

Doors Open at 8.30 P.M.

Curtain rises at 9 P.M., precisely.

Prices as Usual.

The BOOKING OFFICE at the THEATRE will be
open on and after

THURSDAY, the 4th March, at 10 A.M.
LATE TRAMS & boat after fall of Curtain.

E. W. MITCHELL,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1897. [388]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING of the SHARE-
HOLDERS of the COMPANY will be held at the
OFFICES of the GENERAL AGENTS, Pedder's
Street, at 12.30 P.M., on SATURDAY, the 27th
March, for the purpose of receiving the Report
of the Management, and the Statement of
Accounts to 31st December, 1896.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 1st to 27th March,
both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1897. [416]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING of the SHARE-
HOLDERS of the COMPANY will be held at the
OFFICES of the GENERAL AGENTS, Pedder's
Street, at 12.30 P.M., on SATURDAY, the 27th
March, for the purpose of receiving the Report
and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December,
1895.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 1st to 27th March,
1897, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1897. [417]

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.

THE Undersigned have received instructions
to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION
ON

THURSDAY, the 11th March, 1897,
commencing at 2.30 P.M.
at the Residence of J. MITCHELL, Esq.,
No. 1, Pokloum Road, corner of Queen's Road,
opposite No. 7, Police Station.

THE WHOLE OF HIS

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.

Comprising:-

TAPESTRY, COVERED DRAWING-
ROOM SUITE, CENTRE AND TEA TABLES,
OVERMANTELS, LADY'S DESK with
BEVELLED GLASS-TOP, MARBLE-TOP
CHEFFONIER, PICTURES and ORNA-
MENTS.

ONE JAPANESE CABINET with IVORY
PANELS, TAPESTRY and WHITE LACE
CURTAINS, &c., FENDERS, CARPETS,
RUGS, SIDEBOARDS, DINING-TABLE
and CHAIRS, BOOK-CASE, &c., GLASS and
CROCKERY WARE, ELECTRO-PLATE and
CUTLERY, PANTRY REQUISITES, LAMPS,
&c., &c., &c.

SINGLE and DOUBLE IRON and BRASS-
MOUNTED REDSTEADS, MARBLE-TOP
WASHSTANDS, &c., DRESSING TABLES,
WARDROBE, CHESTS of DRAWERS and
SUNDRY BEDROOM FURNITURE.

BATHROOM REQUISITES, POTS and
PLANTS, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale.

On View from WEDNESDAY, the 10th March.

TERMS OF SALE:-Cash on delivery.

GEO. E. LAMMERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1897. [415]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY and TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES,"

Captain Douglas, will be despatched for the
above Ports on TUESDAY, the 6th instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1897. [414]

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

FOR NAGASAKI AND WLOVOSTOCK.

THE German Steamer

"HAINAN,"

Captain Clausen, will be ready to load here on
or about WEDNESDAY, the 10th instant, for
the above Ports, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

MELCHERS & Co.,

Hongkong, 6th March, 1897. [418]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR CHEFOO AND NEWCHWANG.

THE Company's Steamship

"FOOCHOW,"

Captain Blackburne, will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 13th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1897. [410]

To-day's
Advertisement.



WILLISON'S CIRCUS.
LAST DAY IN HONGKONG
FAREWELL PERFORMANCE.

TO-NIGHT at 9 P.M.
OUR FAREWELL PERFORMANCE.

THE LARGEST PROGRAMME OF THE
SEASON.

COME AND SEE OUR
FAREWELL PERFORMANCE.

AULD LANG SYNE.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1897. [413]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"SUISANG"

having arrived from the above Ports; Consignees
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their
Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on
board after 4 P.M. of the 6th inst., will be landed at
Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at
East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1897. [411]

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &
COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear compa-
rison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MISSES and
other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1897. [427]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORITY of the ITALIAN
CONVENT, CAPO ROIO, beg most
respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of
Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind
patronage and support, and desire to state that
she will be pleased to receive orders for all
kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffa
and Collars renewed on old ones.

Ladies' and Children's Under-clothing,
Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery
Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superiors will also be most grateful for
any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into
Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who
are taught by the Sisters.

The Porta insists that an Ottoman subject
shall be Governor of Crete.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG
TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY
REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions,
Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong
Telegraph," and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and
not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied
by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication,
but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the column of the "Hongkong Telegraph" will always
give full and frank expression to all points of view, it must be distinctly understood
that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for
opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for
insertion in that day's issue not later than Three O'clock so as
not to retard the early publication of the paper.

Advertisers and Subscribers which are not ordered for a
certain period will be confirmed and remunerated.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" has the largest circulation of any
English newspaper published in the Far East, and is therefore
the best medium for Advertisers. Terms can be learnt on application
to Mr. G. W. Ralston, Manager, Hongkong Telegraph, No. 1, Telephone Central, Hongkong.

Anticipation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES
AND
SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House,
bought direct at first hand, imported in wood
and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate
profits, and enabling us to supply the
best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on
Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month
before use. When required for drinking at
once it should be ordered to be decanted at
the DISPENSARY before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner
Wines of very superior Vintages. All are
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Claretts, including the lowest
priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine
product of the juice of the grape and are not
artificially made from raisins and currants,
as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be
pure COGNAC, the difference in price being
merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whisky's are excellent
quality and of greater size than most brands
in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKEY
marked "E" is universally popular, and is
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs
to be superior to any other brand in the
Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS
to be genuine when bought direct from us in
the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the
Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1897. [16]

BIRTH.

At No. 2, West End Terrace, Hongkong, on
the 6th March, the wife of JOHN FERGUSON,
Marine Engineer, of a daughter.

REUTER'S MESSAGE.

THE CRETAN IMBROGLIO.

LONDON, March 4th.

The Greek press is unanimous in urging the
Government to reject the Collective Note.

The War Minister has resigned owing to the
rejection of his advice to send reinforcements to
Crete.

The Metropolitan of Athens has wired to the
Archbishop of Canterbury beseeching him to take
his voice, in the

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made by Dr. Ho Kai to his support of athletic sports, social functions, and other civilising influences. He thought that athletics were the very best thing for the rising generation and he always thought there was nothing like them for developing a healthy manhood. (Hear, hear.) Before sitting down he would say that it was a very great satisfaction for him to be invited to this function and it was a great pleasure to him to know they were sending Mr. Washington His Excellency on his left and his First Secretary, Dr. Ho Kai. (Applause) — two gentlemen who had been mostly trained in the public service of Hongkong. (Applause) He was sure they would find the training they had received here most appropriate to them. As far as he personally concerned, in the interests of public life there was always one compensation and reward, and that was the good opinion of the community. (Hear, hear.) Without that compensation the burden of responsibility could not be easily borne and without it a Governor's position would be a weary solitude. (Hear, hear.) He had been most gratified that during his service here he had won their good will, and he thanked them very much for the way in which they had received the toast so eloquently proposed by Dr. Ho Kai, and he thanked that gentleman for doing it so kindly as he had done. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Ho Tung, in proposing "The Army and Naval and Auxiliary Forces," said—Mr. Chairman, your Excellency, and gentlemen, it affords me infinite pleasure to be called on in such distinguished company to propose the time-honoured toast of "The Army and Navy and Auxiliary Forces" and to be permitted to couple it with the names of His Excellency Major-General Black as representing the British Army, and Commodore Holland as representing the Navy. I have said I accepted the duty of proposing this toast with pleasure, but I also feel it a great honour. When we reflect for a moment and follow in our mind's eye the glorious achievements of the British Army and the British Navy—(cheers)—how these magnificent forces, ever expanding and ever developing, in years gone by, and in recent times, too; how the warlike and merchant adventurers issuing from that little Island in the Great West have manfully faced and triumphed over stupendous difficulties and conferred the vast benefits of civilised government on—the millions of India, on the ignorant savages of "Darkest Africa," and on the countless millions of China. (Applause) When, too, we call to mind the great achievements of the British arms in the last half century and how beneficial those achievements have been to Occidental and Oriental peoples, it can but be admitted that he who is permitted to rise in the presence of distinguished representatives of the splendid services I now refer to, backed up by a patriotic auxiliary force whose branches are to be found wherever the British flag—the flag of freedom—waves, it can I say, not be denied that he who is permitted to rise in such distinguished company to propose this toast is indeed honoured. (Applause) I very gladly admit that I regard the day as a great honour, and I may add that I shall look back to years to come on this occasion as one of the proudest moments of my life. The supremacy of the British arms in the Far East has been followed by a great development of commerce, to the benefit of Europeans and natives alike, and the great cause of progress and civilisation has, as an inevitable sequence of that triumph, been greatly benefited and will continue, to be benefited. The hoisting of the British flag on this little island of Hongkong has been followed by great, and I trust everlasting, benefits to many millions of Chinese. (Hear, hear.) It is greatly due to the pluck and dogged perseverance of the British commanders, naval and military, that we are now residing in one of the most important and most flourishing seaports of an Empire on which Britons may well boast that the sun never sets. But great as have been the achievements of the English, Scotch, and Irish soldiers and sailors, yet there are other British forces that are called to mind when the toast is being proposed. I refer to our noble defenders, the Volunteers and to the magnificent army in India. (Cheers.) These forces add enormously to the power and the might of the Empire as a whole, and although we must all hope the day is far distant when it will be necessary to employ them in active service on a large scale, yet we can rely on it that they will always respond willingly and joyfully to the call of duty. It is perhaps unfortunate, but it is nevertheless a fact, that there would have been very little real progress made by Western States but for the conquests of their armies and their navies. It is beyond question that to the magnificent achievements of her army and navy Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria is indebted for the possession of the greatest and most prosperous Empire the world has ever known, and to those services and the enormous Auxiliary Forces at her command she looks for the security of her possessions. Those forces are able to protect her world-wide Empire and, with such a protecting army and a powerful navy and such large auxiliary forces to rely upon, we feel here as safe to-day as if we were living in the heart of London. (Hear, hear.) To the splendid forces, the Army and Navy and Auxiliary Forces of Great Britain, and the representatives of these forces whose presence among us adds so much pleasure to our residence in this fair Isle of Fragrant Streams, I ask you gentlemen to drink. (Applause.)

Major-Gen. Black, in replying to the toast for "The Army" said—Mr. Chairman, your Excellencies and gentlemen, the question might well be asked why should "The Army and Navy" be toasted on all festive occasions in the Empire where speeches are tolerated, and the answer is not far to seek. It is not only because our countrymen are proud of the glorious deeds of our Army and Navy in the past nor because they believe that the present soldiers and sailors are worthy successors to the men who went before them, but it is also because every citizen is animated by the warlike instinct and is proud of having a part in those soldierly qualities which are rated very high in the scale of virtues. You need not search the pages of history for proof that the country whose fighting men are not held in honour, that takes no pride in arms or warlike exercises, is tottering to her fall. Even now when the cry of peace is heard from the rooftops and a prayer for peace ascends from every temple, when the masters of the mighty legions of Europe are shrinking with dread from launching their nations into the avalanche of war, we are not gullied by this mocking note, we are under no delusion, for we recognise that the measure of a country's safety is her readiness to fight and that the country whose sword is glued to its scabbard is only saved from conquest and partition by the mutual jealousies of the more warlike Powers. I would add a word on the feature which differentiates the armies of the United Kingdom and of the United States from the other armies of the world; they are composed of men, who are soldiers by free will. We soldiers do not pretend to be better men than our civilian brethren, but only that education and practice have made us the heads to the arrow, the steel point to the iron shell, and we know that there are thousands of better men behind us. We are proud of our citizen soldiers, the Volunteers, not only because they undergo the drudgery of training without fee and without price, not only because they add substantially to the defence of the Empire, but because they prove that the fighting instinct of

our race has not been damped by comfort nor sapped by the luxuries of civilisation. Undoubtably the Service I thank Mr. Ho Tung for his eloquent tribute to our good qualities and for his mention of the fact that our soldiers have ever been the forerunners of peace and commerce and I feel grateful for the honour of having my name associated with this toast.

Commodore Holland, who also was warmly received, said in the absence of the Admiral it fell to him to return thanks for the Navy. His Excellency had made arrangements to be present, but was unable to return to Hongkong and he desired the speaker to express his regret. Mr. Ho Tung had spoken of the expansion of the navy and a few words might be appropriate. It was only quite lately that the true history of the navy was put before them. Captain Mahan of the American navy—(applause)—had lately got together naval history in a way that had taken the world by surprise. No one had a greater influence in pushing on the navy as the wise rule of His Excellency Sir William Robinson the colony would play an important part in building up in the Far East a large mercantile community in every branch of trade and also a vast shipping trade. It was important in other respects. It had done much in the way of education. (Hear, hear.) There were schools of all denominations here, Government and private schools of all descriptions. Taking as one instance the Government Central School (now the Queen's College), His Excellency said he was most glad to see present the head master (Applause) He had educated hundreds of Chinese students and when they had completed their education, many of them, as this was a small colony, went to Shanghai and other places where they had more scope to turn their education to account. In the various ports there were more students from this colony than any other engaged in the Maritime Customs, the railways, and other branches. Regarding his own future, he said Mr. Ho A-Mei had spoken of a glorious future for him and he had to confess he was a bit too ambitious. He preferred to be judged by his own acts and not by any promises he might make. He would do his best, but, at the same time, he would say that, whilst serving his own sovereign faithfully and to the best of his ability, it would be his chief aim to cement the friendly relations now happily existing between China and foreign countries. (Hear, hear.) In his farewell words he wished them happiness and prosperity, and, if permitted to return, he hoped to find them in continued good health and happiness and doing well. (Applause.)

Mr. Leung Shih Koon, who was loudly applauded when he rose to speak, said—Mr. Chairman, the toast committed to my care this evening is one which needs few words to commend it to your warm and hearty reception. It is the toast of "Our Guests." We are deeply gratified that so many of the leading representatives of this impolite colony of Hongkong should be with us on this unique occasion to do honour to H.E. Wu Ting Fang previous to his going to represent the Imperial Government of China in that great country, the United States of America—(applause)—to say nothing of Spain and Peru. We are much indebted to our guests for coming here to-night to assist us in our endeavour to do honour to an old resident of Hongkong, the Hon. Ng Choy, the new Minister to America. Let me ask you to join heart and hand with me, and drink in bumper to bumper of Roman wine for the most distinguished audience ever gathered here, as before we are representatives of almost every nationality. The most influential members of all the mercantile houses are gathered here to do you honour—an honour which I must say you have justly earned, an honour which is much prized by your countrymen, and an honour which reflects great credit on the colony of Hongkong. It is owing to this great honour which you have brought home to this colony, and for your past and many valuable services which you have rendered to the public here during the time you were Member of the Legislative Council and Acting Magistrate, and for your long residence in the colony, that it would be remissness on our part if we allowed you to pass through Hongkong without showing you some mark of our esteem and respect. (Applause.) It is needless for me to say that your Excellency's record of services is well known amongst your friends here this evening; but I think it is not out of place for me to give a biographical sketch of your past life in connection with this colony, which I find is as follows:—Appointed in the Hongkong Government Service, 1861; left for England in March, 1874; called to the Bar, Lincoln's Inn, 31st January, 1877; and in the same year returned to Hongkong; admitted to practice in the Supreme Court, 18th May, 1877; appointed Member of the Legislative Council, 26th Feb., 1880, and Acting Magistrate, 3rd May, 1880. With this record and excellent prospects before him, your Excellency still thought that this Hongkong was too small a place for the development of your great talents, and having an ambition for a higher sphere of life you steerred for the north accepting the appointment of Secretary and Legal Adviser to H.E. Viceroy Li, and afterwards the additional post of Chief Director of Railways at Tientsin, and two years after, I understand, you were also appointed Director of the Tientsin University. In 1895 you went to Japan twice and assisted Viceroy Li in the conclusion of the Treaty of Peace; and when H.E. the Viceroy Li was appointed Special Ambassador to Russia and Europe you were recommended to assist H.E. Chang Yu-woon in settling and determining the Commercial Treaties between China and Japan. Your valuable services and ability were duly recognised by our Government, and so you are appointed to your present post of Minister abroad. 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The toast was pledged most cordially, the whole company joining in singing "He's jolly good fellow."

His Excellency Wu Ting Fang had a very cordial reception on rising. He said that among so many friends he felt rather diffident in responding to the toast, but as it was incommensurate on him to say nothing, he must do it. First of all he wished to convey to the company his deep gratitude for the great kindness and distinguished honour they had conferred on him on the occasion, and he looked upon it as one of the proudest incidents of his life—(applause)—a life in which he had achieved so little (No, no). He looked upon this gathering as a source of gratitude and of contentment. It would be ungracious on his part not to make allusion to the honours done him. He first thanked the Chairman and the other hosts, representative members of the Chinese community and who represented most of the important trades and professions. Among the brilliant assembly there were many Frenchmen, and I think the best of the Frenchmen.

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The company then dispersed, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

THE MENU:

The menu was as follows:

Birds' Nest Soup.

Bolled Fish and Shrimp Sauce.

Entrees.

Compo de Poule.

Pain de Pois Gira.

Quail, in Jelly.

Joint.

Baked Mutton.

Turkey and Ham.

Roux Kid's Beef.

Bolled Corned Tongue.

Game.

Roast Pheasant.

Vegetables.

Green Peas and Cabbage.

Pork Fudding.

Almond Macaroons.

Ice Cream.

Flour Cake.

Dessert.

Tea and Coffe.

merchants community of the colony, but also the powers that be—the Council, the Civil Service, the Army and the Navy, and last, but not least, his own profession, the law, and he felt peace, happiness, and contentment (Applause) That was, he firmly believed, the first link in the history of the colony that a man had been entertained in that half by such a large and representative gathering. He believed he was worthy of it. (No, no.) He was proud that he had been a resident of this colony and it was here where he first received his foreign education. The colony was not an old one and he predicted—it was proved now—that under the wise rule of His Excellency Sir William Robinson the colony would play an important part in building up in the Far East a large mercantile community in every branch of trade and also a vast shipping trade. It was important in other respects. It had done much in the way of education. (Hear, hear.) There were schools of all denominations here, Government and private schools of all descriptions. Taking as one instance the Government Central School (now the Queen's College), His Excellency said he was most glad to see present the head master (Applause) He had educated hundreds of Chinese students and when they had completed their education, many of them, as this was a small colony, went to Shanghai and other places where they had more scope to turn their education to account. In the various ports there were more students from this colony than any other engaged in the Maritime Customs, the railways, and other branches. Regarding his own future, he said Mr. Ho A-Mei had spoken of a glorious future for him and he had to confess he was a bit too ambitious. He preferred to be judged by his own acts and not by any promises he might make. He would do his best, but, at the same time, he would say that, whilst serving his own sovereign faithfully and to the best of his ability, it would be his chief aim to cement the friendly relations now happily existing between China and foreign countries. (Hear, hear.) In his farewell words he wished them happiness and prosperity, and, if permitted to return, he hoped to find them in continued good health and happiness and doing well. (Applause.)

Mr. Leung Shih Koon, who was loudly applauded when he rose to speak, said—Mr. Chairman, the toast committed to my care this evening is one which needs few words to commend it to your warm and hearty reception. It is the toast of "Our Guests." We are deeply gratified that so many of the leading representatives of this impolite colony of Hongkong should be with us on this unique occasion to do honour to H.E. Wu Ting Fang previous to his going to represent the Imperial Government of China in that great country, the United States of America—(applause)—to say nothing of Spain and Peru. We are much indebted to our guests for coming here to-night to assist us in our endeavour to do honour to an old resident of Hongkong, the Hon. Ng Choy, the new Minister to America. Let me ask you to join heart and hand with me, and drink in bumper to bumper of Roman wine for the most distinguished audience ever gathered here, as before we are representatives of almost every nationality. The most influential members of all the mercantile houses are gathered here to do you honour—an honour which I must say you have justly earned, an honour which is much prized by your countrymen, and an honour which reflects great credit on the colony of Hongkong. It is owing to this great honour which you have brought home to this colony, and for your past and many valuable services which you have rendered to the public here during the time you were Member of the Legislative Council and Acting Magistrate, and for your long residence in the colony, that it would be remissness on our part if we allowed you to pass through Hongkong without showing you some mark of our esteem and respect. (Applause.) It is needless for me to say that your Excellency's record of services is well known amongst your friends here this evening; but I think it is not out of place for me to give a biographical sketch of your past life in connection with this colony, which I find is as follows:—Appointed in the Hongkong Government Service, 1861; left for England in March, 1874; called to the Bar, Lincoln's Inn, 31st January, 1877; and in the same year returned to Hongkong; admitted to practice in the Supreme Court, 18th May, 1877; appointed Member of the Legislative Council, 26th Feb., 1880, and Acting Magistrate, 3rd May, 1880. With this record and excellent prospects before him, your Excellency still thought that this Hongkong was too small a place for the development of your great talents, and having an ambition for a higher sphere of life you steerred for the north accepting the appointment of Secretary and Legal Adviser to H.E. Viceroy Li, and afterwards the additional post of Chief Director of Railways at Tientsin, and two years after, I understand, you were also appointed Director of the Tientsin University. In 1895 you went to Japan twice and assisted Viceroy Li in the conclusion of the Treaty of Peace; and when H.E. the Viceroy Li was appointed Special Ambassador to Russia and Europe you were recommended to assist H.E. Chang Yu-woon in settling and determining the Commercial Treaties between China and Japan. Your valuable services and ability were duly recognised by our Government, and so you are appointed to your present post of Minister abroad. (Applause) In appointing you as Minister abroad I do not think our Government could have chosen a better man; I think you are the right man in the right place, and with your wide experience during the many stages of your life and your dealings with men of all stamps, creeds, and races, and with the tact and skill of a lawyer, no doubt you will play a clever part as a diplomat, and whenever any difficulties and disputes arise between our country and the countries you are accredited to you will be able to settle them in a harmonious and satisfactory manner to the credit of our country. In view of the step taken by our Government in appointing your Excellency to the United States of America, Spain, and Peru, and H.E. Loh Feng Loh to England, both of you with a thorough European education, it appears to me that our Government has a strong inclination for reform and progress (Applause). I am in hope that on your return from your mission, after filling your office with honour and credit, that you will be promoted to a high place, either as one of the Presidents of Six Boards, or Chancellor in the Privy Council, or Minister for Foreign Affairs; and I doubt not that, before a decade has passed by, your Excellency may be the Premier of China. (Loud applause.) Comme I think, I am watered about the same time as you were to England. He was entrusted with the portfolio of the Emperor of Japan. I really do not see any reason why you should not, in like manner, become some day the Premier of China. (Loud applause.)

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF

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PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE MATTER OF LOUIS GRUNAUER, late

of Swayatow, in the EMPIRE OF CHINA,

MERCANTILE ASSISTANT, DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given that His Honour

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Section 3 of Ordinance No. 9 of 1870, made an

Order directing to the 1st day of July, 1897, as

the time for CREDITORS to send in their

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sold and Probate of whose Will was granted

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Probate jurisdiction on the 16th day of January,

1897, to FREDERICK DAY GODDARD, of Victoria, a

in the Colony of Hongkong, Marine Surveyor,

one of the executors named in the Will of the

sold LOUIS GRUNAUER, deceased.

Notice is also given that all such Claims are

to be sent in writing to the Undersigned prior

to the said 1st day of July, 1897, no Notice

will be taken of them.

All Persons INDEBTED to the above Estate

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Dated this 5th day of February, 1897.

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